

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 2, 8, 11, 12 and 14-17 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

The Office Action further raised an issue under 35 U.S.C. §112 on the lack of an antecedent basis for Claim 20.

The amended claims are believed to adequately address the 35 U.S.C. §112 issue. If there are any remaining issues, the undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone conference.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the indicated allowable subject matter of dependent Claim 2 and accordingly, it is believed that Claims 2, 6-12 and 14-18 are now allowable.

Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from dependent Claim 8, while addressing the antecedent basis. Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 20 is allowable.

Claim 21 depends from the allowed Claim 1, while Claims 22-24 depend from the allowed Claim 20, as now amended.

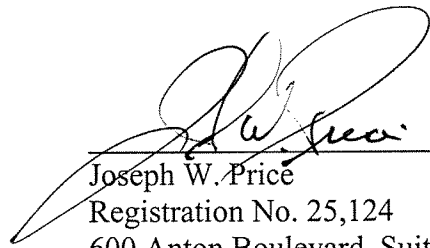
Finally, Claim 25 represents the indicated allowed subject matter of previous dependent Claim 15, and it is believed to be allowable.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is believed the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will assist in the prosecution of this matter, the undersigned attorney can be contacted in the listed phone number.

Very truly yours,

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